Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" Is not the Director of Fisheries a subordinate officer to the hon. the Minister for Development? Has he not got control over the Fisheries department?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Order, order. Why this cross-examination?"

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" I have not finished my question. In the case of petty yard officers and peons, 30 applications came from fisher folk and Government appointed only 6 of them. I want to know why Government did not appoint more number of men from fisher folk?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I have given my reasons already."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" I am just asking about petty officers and peons. The reasons given by the hon. Minister apply to only yard officers and clerks. I am asking why out of 30 applications received from fishermen only 6 were appointed as petty yard officers and peons although the department is mainly intended for fishermen."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" In the exigencies of public service it was found necessary to appoint people from outside the caste of fishermen also."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" With reference to the appointments of yard officers where was the special necessity for the Government to appoint an S.S.L.C. in preference to a graduate?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Exigencies of public service says the Minister."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" Thank you, Sir."

Selection of pupils for training in the Fisheries Institute at Calicut.

* 2304 Q.—Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of stipendiary pupils selected for training in the Fisheries Institute at Calicut in 1925;

(b) whether any of the above students has been dismissed from the Institute, and, if so, for what reasons;

(c) whether any of the dismissed students has been re-admitted; and

(d) whether there are any more students not re-admitted and, if so, for what reasons?

A.—(a) Seventeen.

(b) Four were discharged as they were found not to have made sufficient progress during their probationary period of six months.

(c) Two have been re-admitted and their probationary period has been extended for a further period of six months.

(d) One of the two who have not been re-admitted is weak in all subjects and the other is very poor in the vernacular.

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Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*d*) of this question, may I ask the hon. the Minister for Development whether he is aware that one of the two candidates whom they have rejected has not appeared for the examination on account of his having suffered from typhoid fever ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I am not aware of that, Sir."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister for Development whether in certain cases stipends were not given to stipendiary students and that they were not therefore able to purchase the necessary books and to study for the examination and that as a result of this they failed in the examination ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" It is a news to me. I should like to have notice of the question."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Administration Reports.

Administration reports of departments under the hon. the Member for Revenue.

2305 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to specify—

(*a*) the various reports of the administration of the departments under his control published by Government ;

(*b*) in which months the several reports for the years 1921–22, 1922–23, 1924–25, or for 1922, 1923 and 1924 (according to the financial or calendar year) were published ;

(*c*) what the causes there were for the delay, if any of them were published more than six months after the year of report ;

(*d*) whether attempts have been made to publish the several reports for the previous year at least a month before the budget estimates are placed before the Council ; and

(*e*) what steps are being taken to ensure earlier publication of the reports ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is appended.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 2316.

Irrigation (Minor Works).

Water-supply in Anantapur district.

2306 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government, the Collector and other authorities that the people in Anantapur district have

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 98 infra.